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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of Claims 2-4, 8-10 and 14-16. The Examiner has objected to Claims 2-4, 8-10 and 14-16 as being dependent on rejected claims. Applicant notes that each of the independent claims has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 2 et al.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully asserts that independent Claim 1 has been amended to include "embodied on a computer readable medium" such that the rejection of Claim 1 and Claims 2-6, which depend from Claim 1, is overcome.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P454/01.074.01).

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